GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:262
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2008
COAL TO LIQUID PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to synthesize oil from coal by adopting Coal- to-Liquid (CTL) technology as reported in the Times of India dated 24 November,2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified coal blocks for the purpose and also invited bids for its allotment;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the names of the companies which have been allotted coal blocks for the said purpose;

(e) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard;

(f) if`so,the details thereof alongwith action taken thereon; and

(g) the estimated quantity of oil likely to be produced out of these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODTA)

(a) to (g); A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (G) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.262 FOR REPLY ON 17.12.2008 ASKK1) BY SriRI UANEN BARMAN AND SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

(a) & (b): In view of the rising demand for energy in a rapidly growing economy,efforts arc being made to locate alternative/additional sources of energy to supplement the available energy resources for the sake of energy security of the country by converting coal into liquid fuel through a process called coal liquefaction.

(c): The Government have offered three coal blocks,namely,Palasbani (Part of Radhikapur West), North of Arkhapal (Srirampur) and Ramchandani Promotional through an advertisement published in various national and regional newspapers on 15.06.2008. A notice was also placed on the website of the Ministry of Coal.

(d): In response to the advertisement,22 companies have submitted their applications.The scrutiny and evaluation of these applications is under progress.No coal block has so far been allocated for this purpose.

(e)& (f): No complaint has been received so far.

(g): I he applications arc being scrutinized and it is not feasible at this stage to estimate the quantity of oil to be produced from this project.